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SUBJ: SCC WORKING GROUP MEETING JUNE 19

1. KARPOV, SPEAKING FIRST, GAVE BRIEF PREPARED STATEMENT INDICATING SOVIET DRAFT PROTOCOL PROVIDES BASIS FOR EARLY SOLUTION OF SCC PROCDURES, AND ASKED GRAYBEAL HOW HE VIEWED THE SOVIET PROPOSAL AND HOW HE PERCEIVED FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF WORKING GRUUP. GRAYBEAL STATED THAT THERE WERE TWO FORMAL PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE WORKING GROUP; HE ENVISIONED OUR TASK AS ONE OF FORMULATING A DRAFT TEXT OF A PROTOCOL AND NOTIFICATION; REPLACEMENT AND DESTRUCTION OR DISMANTLING PROCEDURES TO BE ATTACHED TERERTO.

2. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION REGARDIGN FORMAT AND APPROACH TO BE TAKEN; GRAYBEAL SUGGESTED THAT CERTAIN ELEMENTS INVOLVING GUIDELINES, DESCRIPTIVE MATERIAL OR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS COULD BEST BE HANDLED IN THE PROTOCOL PER SE. AS AN EXAMPLE, GRAYBEAL SUGGESTED THAT THE PROTOCOL COULD REFER TO " THE INTERIM AGREEMENT, ITS PROTOCOL AND APPROPRIATE INTERPRETIVE STATEMENTS" WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF REPEATING THE CONTENT OF THESE DOCUMENTS IN THE PROTOCOL PER SE. GRAYBEAL REFERRED TO
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THE INITIAL PARAGRAPH AND ALL OF NUMBERED SECTION 1 OF THE SOVIET DRAFT PROTOCOL (SEE USDEL SALT TWO II 0262) AS ITEMS WHICH WOULD BE COVERED BY THIS APPROACH. KARPOV INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SEPARATING GENERAL ITEMS FROM SPECIFIC PROCEDURES, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF SECTION ONE ON " MODERN SUBMARINE LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILES" HAD THE EFFECT OF CLARIFYING THE INTERIM AGREEMENT PROTOCOL AND AGREED INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENTS, AND SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN SCC PROTOCOL IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLETENESS AND NO MISUNDERSTANDING ON WHAT WAS BEING COVERED BY THE PROCEDURES. HE NOTED THAT SOME OF THIS PROPOSED MATERIAL WAS NOT IN WRITTEN AGREEMENTS BUT REFLECTED UNDERSTANDING IN THE NEGOTIATION RECORD.

3. US SIDE TABLED DEFINITION OF " BEGINNING OF SEA TRIALS" AS CONTAINED IN STATE 117288 ALONG WITH RATIONALE. KARPOV UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS FORMAL US PROPOSAL AND STATED THAT IT WOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY.

4. US SIDE ALSO PRESENTED PREPARED STATEMENT ON " ICBM DISMANTLING AND DESTRUCTION PROCEDURES" AND ON " PRIOR NOTIFICATION," FOR PURPOSE OF REINFORCING AND SUPPORTING US PROPOSED PROCEDURES. ON " PRIOR NOTIFICATION," KARPOV EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT NOWHERE IN ANY OF THE FORMAL DOCUMENTS OR IN THE NEGOTIATING RECORD HAD THE SOVIET SIDE EVER INDICATED THAT PRIOR NOTIFICATION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE AS PART OF THESE PROCEDURES.

5. IN RESPONSE TO ATKINSON'S QUESTION CONCERNING HOW MANY SUBMARINES A SIDE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO HAVE UNDER CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT, MAZERKIN REPLIED THAT THE INTERIM AGREEMENT PLACED NO LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF SUBMARINES WHICH COULD BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND THAT THIS NUMBER WOULD BE DETERMINED ON BOTH SIDES BY THEIR RESPECTIVE PLANNED SUBMARINE CONSTRUCTION

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6. STARODUBOV TOLD FITZGERALD AND MCCROCKY THAT SOVIET REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL OF " ONE NEW SUBMARINE FOR ONE SUBMARINE BEING REPLACED" WOULD BECOME APPLICABLE ONLY WHEN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SSBN'S ALLOWED BY THE INTERIM AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED,

AND INDICATED SOME FLEXIBILITY IN MODIFYING LANGUAGE
OR REPLACING IT WITH A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO INTERIM
AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL. STARODUBOV ALSO INDICATED
SOME FLEXIBILITY ON ICBM DISMANTLING AND DESTRUCTION
PROCEDURES, BUT ABSOLUTELY NO FLEXIBILITY ON PRIOR
NOTIFICATION.

7. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY JUNE 22 WITH
THREE MEETINGS PLANNED FOR NEXT WEEK. GRAYBEAL

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